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Memorandum

To: Service Directorate

From: Deputy Director *Marshall S. Jones Jr.*

Subject: Service Activities in Mexico

The Service has a long history of collaboration with Mexico which spans more than 60 years. This relationship has grown considerably in the last few years. Today, the scope and breath of our relationship with the Government of Mexico and Mexican partners is broad and diverse. Although this is indicative of a close and very productive collaboration, something to be encouraged, it becomes necessary for an ever increasing number of Service personnel to become familiar with the protocols so important to this successful relationship.

Please advise your personnel that all programs and initiatives with the Government of Mexico should be conducted through the Coordinating Unit for International Affairs (UCAI), of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico (SEMARNAT). As requested by the Government of Mexico, UCAI is the Service's official point of contact. The Division of International Conservation can provide more information on how to contact UCAI. In addition, please note that all cooperative activities between the Service and Mexico should be formalized at the annual meeting of the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation and Management. This will ensure appropriate endorsement from the Government of Mexico. Separately, you will receive an announcement regarding the next meeting of this Committee. Finally, official communications with the Government of Mexico, beyond those of a routine nature, should be vetted through the Division of International Conservation.